



FORTH PORTS LIMITED

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FORTH PORTS SECURES NEW INTERNATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY STANDARD

Forth Ports, one of the UK's largest port groups, has achieved the new ISO 45001 standard in Occupational Health & Safety Management making them the first port group to be awarded this tough new international standard.

The new ISO 45001 standard, which sets a single benchmark for the management of occupational health and safety, replaces the existing OHSAS 18001 health and safety standard and has been achieved by all eight port operations across the UK including Tilbury on the Thames, Grangemouth, Leith, Rosyth and Dundee.

To achieve the Standard, the management and operation of cargo handling were audited in detail across two weeks. The audit was a mix of office based review of administration, quayside inspection and interviews with port employees of all levels. Forth Ports handle a diverse range of commodities cross the quayside including bulk cargos, unitised cargos, timber and paper products, trade cars, containers and project work.

The achievement of this standard demonstrates Forth Ports high level of commitment to Health and Safety across their business. The port group continues to implement a 'Safety F1rst' culture at all levels across the business, which aims to protect employees, customers and visitors.

Commenting on the standard, **Stuart Wallace, Chief Operating Officer for Forth Ports** said: "*This is significant news for our ports as we are the first port group to be awarded this new ISO health & safety standard. H&S is at the core of our values with safety being our top priority. We strive to provide safe and secure processes at our ports and this*

Standard gives our employees and customers the reassurance that we have robust processes in place. We could not have achieved this without the support of all our employees and we are committed to the continuous improvement that the standard requires.”

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About Forth Ports:

- Forth Ports Limited owns and operates eight commercial ports in the UK – Tilbury on the Thames, Dundee on the Firth of Tay and six on the Firth of Forth – Leith, Grangemouth, Rosyth, Methil, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy.
- Within and around the Firths of Forth and Tay, Forth Ports manages and operates an area of 280 square miles of navigable waters, including two specialised marine terminals for oil and gas export and provides other marine services, such as towage and conservancy.
- www.forthports.co.uk @forthports

About the ISO 45001 Standard:

- ISO (the International Organization for Standardisation) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees.
- The ISO 45001 – 2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems is designed to prevent work-related injury and ill-health and to provide safe and healthy workplaces. As an international standard, ISO 45001 crosses geographic, political, economic, commercial and social boundaries. This sets a single benchmark for the management of occupational health and safety.